

NOTES

CHOOSE HONESTY

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EXODUS 20:15, 16

Introduction

Don't _____

E#1. _____ information

E#2. Withheld _____

E#3. Skimpy _____

E#4. _____ items

E#5. Business _____

E#6. Sexual _____

E#7. Employer's _____

E#8. No _____

E#9. Juicy _____

A#1. _____ God

A#2. _____ Hard

A#3. Consider _____

Don't _____

E#1. False _____

E#2. Empty _____

E#3. Strategic _____

E#4. Lamé _____

E#5. Hidden _____

E#6. _____-postings

A#1. _____ God

A#2. _____ Sin

A#3. Offer _____

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Describe a time from your childhood when you were caught either stealing or lying.
2. Make a list of reasons why honesty matters based upon the following verses: Isaiah 65:16; John 14:6; I John 4:6; II Timothy 2:15; Psalm 15:1, 2; John 4:23; Ephesians 6:14; Proverbs 6:16-19; John 8:44; I John 1:8; Ephesians 4:25. Summarize your list of why honesty matters in one sentence.
3. Read Exodus 20:15. Explain how each of the following might qualify as an example of stealing: plagiarized information; withheld taxes; skimpy tips; borrowed items; business (office, hotel, restaurant) supplies; extramarital sex; employer's paycheck; no tithe; juicy gossip. (Note: You may need to relisten to the sermon regarding these examples.)
4. Which 3 of the 9 examples of stealing are you most tempted by? Explain.
5. Why is trusting God an antidote to stealing?
6. Read Philippians 2:3, 4. What is the antidote to stealing promoted in these verses? Explain why it works.
7. Read Exodus 20:16. Explain how each of the following might qualify as an example of lying: false accusations, empty flattery, strategic exaggerations, lame excuses, hidden addictions, and air-brushed postings. What is the motivation behind each of these forms of lying? (Note: It's different for each one.)
8. Why is trusting God an antidote to lying?
9. Read I John 1:8-10. What habit is promoted in these verses? How might this habit make you into a more honest person with others? What do you find most difficult about practicing this habit?
10. Why might the practice of apologizing for lying make you less prone to lie? Why is apologizing for lying so difficult?
11. What are two takeaways from this study that will help you choose honesty?